Welcome to the Jericho Lands

The Jericho Lands lie in the unceded traditional territories of the Musqueam Indian Band, Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation.

Canada Lands Company, Musqueam Indian Band, Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation are excited to welcome you to the Jericho Lands.

The policy statement will set out a comprehensive plan for the full 90 acres of the Jericho Lands site, 52 acres owned by the joint venture between CLC and the MST Partnership and 38 acres owned by the MST Partnership.

The planning process, led by the City of Vancouver, with CLC and the MST Partnership, will include input and involvement from communities about how they want to participate and ultimately about the vision for the lands.

Canada Lands Company (“CLC”) and the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh (“MST”) Partnership have asked the City of Vancouver to prepare a policy statement for the Jericho Lands. This is the first step in a multi-year, multi-phase redevelopment process.

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We aspire to work with the City and the community to create an innovative and high quality new neighbourhood that reflects our historic partnership. We look forward to thoughtful conversations to help inform the planning process.

Deana Grinnell, Canada Lands Company

CLC and MST Partnership aspirations for the Jericho Lands include enduring recognition of the culture, tradition and values of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.

The redevelopment of the Jericho Lands is an opportunity for the three Nations to express their deep connection to the land, while bringing forward new opportunities for prosperity for future generations.

‘Inspire Jericho’ reminds everyone that this process is a wonderful opportunity for us all to look ahead, long-term, and in a holistic way.

Collectively, we can envision a better future for all through the creation of a walkable, socially-diverse, amenity-rich neighbourhood that reconnects these lands to the broader community and provides places for people to live and gather in a remarkable location.
WORKING TOGETHER
Canada Lands Company (CLC), together with a partnership of the Musqueam Indian Band, Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation, have entered into a historic joint venture partnership, the first of its kind in Canada.

The joint venture partnership owns two properties: the Heather Street Lands and 52 acres at the Jericho Lands. The full site area of the Jericho Lands is 90 acres, which includes 52 acres owned by the joint venture between CLC and the MST Partnership, and 38 acres owned by the MST Partnership.

The Jericho Lands planning process will result in a comprehensive plan for the full 90 acres.

"Canada Lands is incredibly proud of the work underway with our joint venture partner, the MST Partnership. This historic relationship demonstrates capacity for collaboration between a federal Crown corporation real estate company and Indigenous partners, not only here in Vancouver, but right across Canada."

John McBain, Canada Lands Company

A Historic Partnership
WHO WE ARE
Canada Lands Company is a self-financing, federal Crown corporation that specializes in real estate, development and attractions management. The company’s goal in all it does is to produce the best possible benefit for Canadian communities and the Government of Canada.

WHAT WE DO
Canada Lands Company works to ensure that former government properties are redeveloped or managed in accordance with their highest and best use, and that they are harmoniously reintegrated into local communities. Our goal is to help transform surplus parcels and reshape them to meet the needs of Canadians with inspiring and sustainable new neighbourhoods in which they can live, work and play.

Canada Lands Company

Canada Lands Company (CLC) is working with the MST Partnership to bring new opportunities to the Jericho Lands. Our goal is to transform these lands into an inspiring, progressive and sustainable new neighbourhood that is welcoming and a benefit to the community.

Downsview Lands, Toronto

Les Bassins du Nouveau Havre, Montreal
GARRISON CROSSING, CHILLIWACK

Garrison Crossing is an award-winning mixed-use community that covers 153 acres (61.9 hectares) of lands that were once part of the former Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Chilliwack.

Garrison Crossing is a community of over 1,700 residential housing units that include a mix of single-family homes, townhouses, condominium apartments, seniors housing, and a retail village. The development celebrates its surroundings and commemorates its history while incorporating industry best practices in neighbourhood development. It is considered one of the most desirable neighbourhoods in the Fraser Valley.

Creating a pedestrian-friendly residential community where it is easy to move around without a car was an integral principle to the planning for Garrison Crossing.

A central boulevard links to a network of bikeways, pathways and nature trails that connect the local elementary school, community centre and retail village.

The innovative design at Garrison Crossing has resulted in several industry and community recognitions, including LEED (Neighbourhood Development) Stage 2 certification and the Urban Development Institute Award for Best Master-Planned Community.

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Sharon Gaetz, Former Mayor of Chilliwack

CURRIE, CALGARY

Currie is the third and final phase of the redevelopment and reintegration of the former Canadian Forces Base Calgary. The roughly 200-acre (80.9 hectare) development is based on the principles of smart growth and sustainable community design, and combines a mix of housing and retail, green space, heritage commemoration and a walkable urban design.

At full development, Currie is expected to include approximately 5,700 housing units of various types, 250,000 square feet (23,226 square metres) of retail space, and roughly 615,000 square feet (57,135 square metres) of office space and 23 acres (9.3 hectares) of parks and open, accessible public areas.

The Currie community will be served by bus rapid transit within a five-minute walk of all residents, and bike lanes are provided throughout. An innovative pedestrian mews network complements the street grid. Currie has won numerous awards, including a 2016 Congress for the New Urbanism Award and in addition has achieved LEED (Neighbourhood Development) Gold Certification.

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Garrison Crossing, Chilliwack
The Musqueam Indian Band, Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation have come together in a partnership to celebrate our cultural and family connections, and to reflect our tradition of working collaboratively to benefit our people.

We want to make sure that future generations of our people will benefit from jobs and economic activity within our traditional territories.

We will continue to work together to share our traditional territories and to ensure that all of our partners, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, see the benefit of working together as one.

We believe that by working together we can develop First Nation economic opportunities in the traditional territories of Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh.

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“This project is a great example of the growing role of First Nations in Vancouver and as key drivers in advancing the economy of British Columbia. The Musqueam Indian Band is excited to work alongside the Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations, the federal and provincial governments, as well as local municipalities to create a legacy that will benefit the city and our members for generations.” Chief Wayne Sparrow, Musqueam Indian Band

“This is an exciting time, and a great opportunity for everybody involved. The Jericho Lands project is a way for our Nations to rebuild from the decades of harm done to our communities. Our work with the MST Partnership, Canada Lands and the Jericho community is encouraging for the future. We look forward to seeing the opportunities that are created in terms of housing, jobs, cultural revitalization and community building – not only for our community, but for all communities.” Khelsilem, Squamish Nation

“We’re excited about the prospect of what these lands hold for future generations, not only for our Tsleil-Waututh people, but also for the Squamish and Musqueam and all Canadians. We look forward to working with our partners, the City of Vancouver and the local community to outline a vision and contribute to the dynamic growth of our city.” Chief Maureen Thomas, Tsleil-Waututh Nation
MST Partnership

MUSQUEAM INDIAN BAND

The Musqueam people are descendants of the cultural group known as the Coast Salish. We have lived in our present location for thousands of years. Our traditional and historic territory occupies what is now Vancouver and surrounding areas.

As our territory has experienced change throughout the years, we have continued to innovate and grow our community based on a foundation of strong cultural traditions and practices.

Our vision of developing socio-economic opportunities for our peoples has led to a number of successful developments and partnerships. The lelə̓ł development is a 21-acre master planned mixed-use community in the University Endowment Lands. Income properties include the townhouses at Shalimar Place, the Fraser Arms property, the Milltown Marina, and three golf courses.

Through diverse initiatives and collaborations, we are creating opportunities for our community that will benefit generations to come.

musqueam.bc.ca

SQUAMISH NATION

Squamish Nation is comprised of descendants of the Squamish Language-speaking peoples who lived in the present day Greater Vancouver area. The Squamish Nation has occupied and governed its territory for millennia.

The Squamish Nation has become a business incubator with unique potential, ramping up an entrepreneurial dynamism that has the potential to add to the economic landscape of this city, the region and the province. We want to make sure the next generation will benefit from jobs and economic activity in the Squamish Nation. We are optimistic in this era of reconciliation and the opportunities it presents for Indigenous peoples.

In light of our economic goals, we have partnered with other First Nations, non-Aboriginal partners and business leaders to assist in the development of a portion of our lands. Recent projects include Squamish Oceanfront, Lions Gate Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Whistler-Blackcomb resort, the MST-CLC joint venture lands — among many others.

squamish.net

twnation.ca

TSLEIL-WAUTUTH NATION

Tsleil-Waututh Nation, “People of the Inlet”, have a deep connection to the land and waters of our territory surrounding Burrard Inlet. Our families have lived here for many generations, thriving off the abundance of resources available in the area.

Our vision is to once again put the Tsleil-Waututh face on our traditional territory, to be active participants in all social, economic, cultural, and political activities that take place on our lands by building strong relationships based on trust and mutual respect.

We have been working to achieve our vision in part through the creation of Takaya Developments – a successful real estate development company, majority owned by the Tsleil-Waututh Nation, which has been developing high-end condominiums and townhomes over the past 20 years. We also own a number of thriving businesses including Takaya Tours, Golf Centre, Burrard General Store, and Child and Family Development Centre, Salish Sea.

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The Site

The Jericho Lands offer an exciting redevelopment opportunity made possible by a historic joint venture partnership between CLC and the MST Partnership.

THE OPPORTUNITY

The Jericho Lands is a 90-acre site in the West Point Grey neighbourhood of Vancouver. It is one of the most significant opportunities for city-building in Vancouver's history.

The eastern portion of the site was formerly owned by the Department of National Defence and is approximately 52 acres. It is now owned by the joint venture of the CLC and the MST Partnership.

The western portion of the site was acquired by the MST Partnership from the provincial government in 2016 and is approximately 38 acres.

Building on the recent success working with the City of Vancouver on the policy statement for the Heather Street Lands, the joint venture partners now look forward to engaging with the community to envision the future of the full 90-acre Jericho Lands site.

Our goal is to transform these lands into an inspiring, progressive and sustainable new neighbourhood that is welcoming and a benefit to the community.

In doing this, we want to optimize the value of these lands, generating opportunities and careers for members of the Musqueam Indian Band, Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation, and generating a return on investment for all of the partners and Canadians.

The process to develop the Jericho Lands Policy Statement will include multiple opportunities for engagement with the City and the community over the coming years.

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ʔəy̓alməxʷ / Iy̓álmexw is part of an interconnected network of cultural sites that exist throughout Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh territories. For thousands of years, these have been the lands and waters on which we have resided, worked, and followed our cultural customs. These territories offered our ancestors a life of abundance with smelt, coho and chum from the creeks and sea, and deer and elk from the uplands. It was a place to gather materials for homes and our families. Today, these lands offer us, the descendants of those original peoples, a new form of abundance.

ʔəy̓alməxʷ / Iy̓álmexw was connected to other villages and campsites by a network of trails radiating across our territories. In our oral history, it was from there an ancestor to many Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh families named qiyəplenəxʷ / Ċiyapelánexw gathered warriors to defend against northern people who would raid our various communities. It was also a site of many large communal cedar plank longhouses that measured hundreds of feet in length, where thousands of guests from the Fraser Valley, Vancouver Island, up the coast, and Puget Sound would be hosted at gatherings organized by the residents of ʔəy̓alməxʷ / Iy̓álmexw.

The redevelopment of the Jericho Lands is a generational opportunity for us to reaffirm these relationships — to honour our heritage, to rebuild our communities, and to celebrate our unique identity. This building of a new ʔəy̓alməxʷ / Iy̓álmexw (Jericho) is to remind ourselves, and educate all local residents, about the essential connections between our three Nations, and our ongoing connection to these places we have called home for so many generations.

1 ʔəy̓alməxʷ is the place name in the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm language spoken by Musqueam and Tsleil-Waututh ancestors.

2 Iy̓álmexw is the place name in the Sḵwx̱wú7mesh language spoken by Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh ancestors.
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Project Aspirations

CLC and the MST Partnership have identified the following set of project aspirations to inform our work together and the development of the City’s planning principles.

01 Reflect and respect the past, present and future legacies of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh

02 Support healthy communities

03 Respect the land

04 Welcome all cultures

05 Provide a range of housing types

06 Bring innovative urban design and public realm

07 Bring a focus on environmental, social and economic sustainability